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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

The representation was examined by the Government and the grievances have been enquired into. It is reported that there is no grievance at present. In view of this, Government consider that no further action is necessary.

Iron

* 100-F Q.—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of iron deposits near Ellithorai village in Coonoor taluk in Nilgiris district;

(b) the nature and the extent of deposits therein;

(c) the probable products manufactured from the said deposits;

(d) whether any private individual has begun to dig out the said deposits;

(e) whether any licence has been issued to the individual; and

(f) whether any survey research has been conducted in the said area?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN. (a) The only information of the occurrence is that received from the hon. Member.

(b) & (c) No investigation has yet been made.

(d) & (e) Permission has been given to India Silicate Industries (Private), Limited, for mining iron ore in Yeddappalli village, Coonoor taluk.

(f) Systematic Geological mapping or mineral survey in the Nilgiris district has not yet been taken up.

Stamp duty

* 100-G. Q.—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to exempt sales of house-sites from stamp duty?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir.

State Industrial Investment Corporation

* 100-H Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted to State Investment Corporation for the year, 1956–57 and 1957–58;

(b) the amount that has been disbursed district-wise and industry-wise as loans during this period;

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(*c*) whether it is a fact that the State Investment Corporation is not giving any loans to the industries due to the paucity of funds; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken by the Government to allot more funds to the State Investment Corporation?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Apparently the member means the Madras Industrial Investment **Corporation,** Limited, which has been set up under the Companies Act with private and Government Investments. Only short-term loans are being given to this Corporation as and when required, to tide over temporary paucity of funds. Provision was made in the budget for 1956–57 and 1957–58 to the extent of Rs. 60 lakhs and Rs. 40 lakhs respectively for the grant of short-term loans to the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation.

(*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) Though the Corporation at its meeting held on 18th May 1957 decided not to consider any loan applications until its **fund** position improved, subsequently, with the easing of the position, the Corporation has begun to consider loan applications.

(*d*) The Government are assisting the Corporation to augments its funds by guaranteeing its bonds, fixed deposits and cash certificates.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : From the statement placed on the table of the House, I find that districts like Ramanathapuram and Coimbatore have been given a large amount of loan. I want to know why the district of North Arcot where we have the tanning industry has been given such step-motherly treatment.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is a Board of Directors and the Board scrutinizes the applications and decides. The Government have no say in the matter.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : நம்முடைய ஸ்டேட் கார்ப்பரேஷனுக்குப் போதிய நிதி வசதி இல்லையென்றால் மத்திய கார்ப்பரேஷனிலிருந்து இதற்கு நிதி உதவி ஏதேனும் கிடைக்குமா ? அவ்விதமென்றால் ஏதாவது கடன் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளக்கூடாதா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அதற்குப் பதிலாக மக்களிடத்திலே கடன் வாங்கலாம் என்று ஒரு யோசனை இருக்கிறது. சுமார் ஒரு கோடி ரூபாய்க்கு கடன் பத்திரங்கள் வெளியிடலாம் என்றுள்ள யோசனை இருந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI P. U. SHANMUGAM : தலைவர் அவர்களே, போர்ட் ஆப் டைரக்டர்கள், இதில் யார் யாரெல்லாம் என்பதை அறிவிக்க முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இந்த போர்டினுடைய சேர்மென் திரு. வெங்கிடசாமி நாயுடு அவர்கள். டைரக்டர் ஆப் இண்டஸ்ட்ரிஸ் இதில் ஒரு மெம்பர். மற்றவர்களின் பெயர்கள் இப்போது என்னிடம் கையில் இல்லை என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 687–688 infra.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, in order to augment the resources of the Corporation, will the Government seek loans from the Life Insurance Corporation of India who have got lots of money which they want to invest?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : These are all matters which are within the administrative discretion of the Board of Directors.

Now, let me answer the question put by the hon. Member Sri P. U. Shanmugam. The names of the Directors are—

Sri R. Venkataswamy Naidu—*Chairman.*
,, T. A. Varghese—*Government Director.*
,, T. K. Palaniappan—*Government Director.*
,, V. V. Shanmuga Nadar.
,, P. A. C. Ramasamy Raja.
,, M. S. Palaniappa Mudaliar.
,, M. A. Chidambaram Chettiar.
,, V. S. Thiagaraja Mudaliar.
,, N. Mahalingam.
,, A. M. M. Murugappa Chettiar.
,, D. C. Kothari.

Industrial Training Institute

* 100-I *Q.*—SRI M. C. MUTHUKUMARASWAMY : கனம் கைத்தொழிலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தஞ்சை ஜில்லா, நாகப்பட்டினம் தாலுகாவில் கட்டப்பட்டுவரும் **Industrial training Institute** கட்டுவதற்கு அரசாங்கத்தார் ஒதுக்கியுள்ள தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

(ஆ) மேற்படி கட்டிடம் கட்டுவதற்கு எத்தனை தடவைகள் எந்தெந்த தேதிகளில் டெண்டர்கள் வரவழைக்கப்பட்டன ?

(இ) முதல் தடவை மிகக் குறைந்த டெண்டர் கொடுத்தவருக்கு ஏன் மேற்படி கட்டிடம் கட்டுவதற்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Rs. 4,04,880.

(*b*) Two occasions on 1st May 1957 and 17th January 1958.

(*c*) The tenders received in the first tender call could not be accepted for the following reasons :—

(1) It was originally proposed to construct only the main buildings of the institute in the compound of Malayan Emigration Depot, Nagapattinam, but it was subsequently decided to construct the main buildings and workshops buildings in another site, several miles away from the site originally proposed. The tenders obtained on the first occasion could not hold good because of the difference in loads, etc., and as the lowest tenderer on the first occasion expressed his inability to undertake the work at his tendered rates in the new site.

(2) A decision on the tenders should have been given within two months. As the site subsequently chosen could not be obtained within this period, the tenders received on the first occasion could not be enforced.